
KEY TO THE OHIO SUMACS IN THE WINTER CONDITION.

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Rhus L. Small trees, shrubs, or woody vines climbing by rootlets, with a milky or acrid resinous sap; pith more or less cylindrical, often large, white, brown, or yellowish; leaf scars alternate, not two-ranked; bundle scars several; stipular scars none; terminal bud present or absent; axillary buds single, not clustered at the tip of the twig, sometimes surrounded by or hidden under the leaf scar; bud scales several; sap of some species poisonous to most people when touched.

1. Leaf scar surrounding the axillary bud; pith very large, brown; erect shrubs or small trees. 2.
1. Leaf scar not completely surrounding the axillary bud; pith medium; erect shrubs, small trees, or woody vines climbing by rootlets. 3.
1. Leaf scar on the short petiole base which covers the axillary bud; pith small; bark glabrous, aromatic; low, ascending or diffuse shrub.
R. aromatica Ait. Fragrant Sumac.
2. Twigs glabrous, somewhat glaucous. *R. glabra* L. Smooth Sumac.
2. Twigs velvety-hairy. *R. hirta* (L.) Sudw. Staghorn Sumac.
3. Bark velvety pubescent, brown; buds short, rounded; erect shrub or small tree. *R. copallina* L. Dwarf Sumac.
3. Bark glabrous or nearly so, or if pubescent then with aerial rootlets, gray or brownish-gray; buds projecting; bark and wood poisonous to most people when touched. 4.
4. Leaf scars heart-shaped; bundle scars numerous, scattered; erect shrub or small tree in swamps. *R. vernix* L. Poison Sumac.
4. Leaf scars U-shaped; bundle scars numerous, scattered or arranged in a curve; woody vine climbing by aerial rootlets, sometimes shrubby or tree-like. *R. radicans* L. Poison Ivy.